

# Troopers Arrest Millsboro Man For 7th Offense DUI



William A. Bell (Photo 2013)

***Millsboro***— The Delaware State Police have arrested a Millsboro man after he was involved in a crash and found to be under the influence of alcohol for the 7<sup>h</sup> time.

The incident occurred on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at approximately 10:17 p.m. when Troopers were dispatched to the intersection of Avenue of Honor and Bethesda Road for a vehicle collision. Upon arrival, Troopers discovered an

unoccupied 2000 Ford Explorer on its driver's side. Further investigation revealed that the Explorer was traveling southbound on Bethesda Road north of Avenue of Honor when it exited the roadway and struck a mail box. The Explorer continued southbound on Bethesda Road approaching the intersection at Avenue of Honor. The operator of the Explorer failed to stop at the stop sign and struck a 2016 Honda Odyssey. The operator of the Odyssey remained at the scene and was not injured.

The operator of the Explorer, identified as 53-year-old **William A. Bell**, fled the scene on foot and a short time later was located by the Delaware State Police Aviation Unit in the woods, less than a quarter of a mile from the collision scene. Bell was subsequently taken into custody when an odor of alcohol was detected and a DUI investigation ensued. A computer check revealed that Bell had six previous DUI convictions, making this his seventh offense. Bell was transported back to Troop 4 where he was charged with his 7<sup>th</sup> Offense Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Leaving the Scene of a Collision, Driving Without a Valid License, Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign, and other traffic related offenses. He was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institute on \$27,055.00 cash only bond.

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